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Mr. Michael Bort Weston 190 Corporate Morth Suite 191 Route 22 and Lakeside Orive Bannockburn, Illinois 50015

Bear Mr. Bort:

This letter confirms our confidencian held on May 20, 1986 regarding the status of the feasibility study being performed by Meston Engineers under subcontract with Camp Gressed/& Mokee Inc. and the U.S. EPA. As we discussed, the Agency is in the process of concluding impose nagotiations with the Seilly Tar Corporation and these nagutiations are being coordinated by a Special Master assigned to the case by the Court. As a resultion the Settlement efforts made by all litigants and for the purpose of mitigating current and future Governmental costs that would otherwise be chargeable through the litigation process to the Reilly Tar Corporation, the Agency requests that you stop work on the existing feasibility study for this site as soon as possible. Thereafter, the contract should remain effective for a short period of time until all outstanding issues are settled by the parties involved in the litigation. If total settlement is not imminent with the Reilly Tar Corporation and there is need to work again. I realize that there will be a lay-time necessary on part of the contractors performing the study on the site.

If a comprehensive settlement occurs it will conserv for me to write the Enforcement Decision Document for which found continue to use your services in drafting the report and possibly producing some graphics.

I appreciate your response to our needs this tar land will know you frequently informed of the status of the negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Sitter Remedial Project Manager

cc: Vanderlaan, SHS Kulma, MH/ON Letotager, MC Mtedergang, HHE Otxidis, IL/IH Biner, MPCA Miro, ODJ